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Circular No:- 36/2020

All Provincial Secretaries,
All Provincial Secretaries of Education,
All Provincial Directors of Education,
All Zonal Directors of Education,
All Divisional Deputy / Assistant Directors of Education,
All Chief Incumbents of Pirivenas,
All Principals of government and government approved private schools,

School Calendar – 2021

The circular No 33/2020 dated 11.11.2020 issued previously with regard to the annual school plan is cancelled hereby, from now on instruction given in this circular will be applied.

01. The new school calendar that should be followed in 2021 is given below.

I. For Sinhala and Tamil schools

First Term	<u>Phase I</u> From Monday 11 th January 2021 to Thursday 25 th February 2021 (including both days) (From 26.02.2021 to 14.03.2021 schools will be closed for G.C.E. (O/L) examination- 2020) <u>Phase II</u> From Monday 15 th March 2021 to Friday 09 th April 2021 (including both days)
Second Term	Monday, 19 th April 2021 to Friday, 30 th July 2021 (including both days)
Third Term	Monday, 30 th August 2021 to Friday, 03 rd December 2021 (including both days)

II. For Muslim Schools

First Term	<u>Phase I</u> From Monday 11 th January 2021 to Thursday 25 th February 2021 (including both days) (From 26.02.2021 to 14.03.2021 schools will be closed for G.C.E. (O/L) examination- 2020) <u>Phase II</u> From Monday 15 th March 2021 to Friday, 09 th April 2021 (including both days) (From 10.04.2021 to 16.05.2021 will be Ramazan holidays)
Second Term	Monday, 17 th May 2021 to Wednesday, 25 th August 2021 (including both days) (26 th & 27 th of August 2021 will be holidays)
Third Term	Monday, 30 th August 2021 to Friday, 03 rd December 2021 (including both days)

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02. If Provincial Ministries wishes to alter this school calendar as per the special circumstances of the provinces, they may do so as per the circular No. 97/15, dated 8 August 1997 issued by the Secretary of Ministry of Education and Higher Education with regard to the school calendar and subject to following conditions.

2.1 Although the circular No. 97/15, dated 8 August 1997 issued by the Secretary of Ministry of Education and Higher Education with regard to the school calendar specifies that schools should be conducted 210 days per year, due to the government holidays, it will not be possible to conduct schools for 210 days in 2021. Therefore, all government schools, government approved private schools and approved pirivenas need to conduct 183 days for the year 2021.

2.2 Since the G.C.E. (A/L) examination will be held in August, and G.C.E. (O/L) examination will be held in December in 2021, August and December vacations should be held as given in the calendar.

03. Schools will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays, school term holidays and all public holidays declared by the government. However, if schools had to be closed for any specific reason on school days, substitute sessions should be held to compensate missing days.

04. Government declared holidays for 2021 is forwarded herewith for your reference (annexure – 1). School activity calendar will be published on the ministry website (www.moe.gov.lk).

For any clarifications required in implementing this calendar, please contact the Director of Education of school activities branch.

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1. State Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services
2. State Secretary, Ministry of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion
3. State Secretary, Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation
4. State Secretary, Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikku Education
5. Director General – National Institute of Education
6. Commissioner General of Examinations
7. Commissioner General of Education Publications
8. Chief Commissioner –Teacher Education
9. All staff officers in Ministry of Education
10. General Manager, Sri Lanka Railway department
11. Chairman, Central Transport Board

Annexure – I

Public Holidays – 2021

January	14	Thursday	Tamil Thai Pongal Day	* =
January	28	Thursday	Duruthu Full Moon Poya Day	* =
February	04	Thursday	National Independence Day	* =
February	26	Friday	Navam Full Moon Poya Day	* =
March	11	Thursday	Mahasivarathri Day	* =
March	28	Sunday	Madin Full Moon Poya Day	* =
April	02	Friday	Good Friday	* =
April	13	Tuesday	Day prior to Sinhala and Tamil New Year	* =
April	14	Wednesday	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Day	* =
April	26	Monday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	01	Saturday	May Day	* =
May	14	Friday	Id-UI-Fitr (Ramazan Festival Day)	* =
May	26	Wednesday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
May	27	Thursday	Day Following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day	* =
June	24	Thursday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day	* =
July	21	Wednesday	Id-UI-Alha (Hajji Festival)	* =
July	23	Friday	Esala Full Moon Poya Day	* =
August	22	Sunday	Nikini Full Moon Poya Day	* =
September	20	Monday	Binara Full Moon Poya Day	* =
October	19	Tuesday	Milad-Un-Nabi (Holy Prophet's Birthday)	* =
October	20	Wednesday	Vap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
November	04	Thursday	Deepavali Festival Day	* =
November	18	Thursday	Ill Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	18	Saturday	Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day	* =
December	25	Saturday	Christmas Day	* =

* Public Holidays = Bank Holidays